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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE: DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH MAJOR POWERS

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SUMMARY: TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR TO MOZAMBIQUE DESCRIBED CURRENT
STATE OF DISORGANIZATION OF GPRM'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS MECHANISM,
STATED HE SEES NO PARTICULAR POST-INDEPENDENCE PATTERN OF
ATTEMPTING TO KEEP MAJOR WESTERN POWERS WAITING ON DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS AND ADVISED US TO GET ORIGINAL OF SECRETARY'S LETTER
TO MACHEL QUICKLY TO CHISSANO'S OFFICE, (WHICH WE DID) AS
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WELL AS TO SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER OF STATE MONTEIRO

IN THE PRESIDENCY TO DELIVER ORIGINAL OF PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER NEXT WEEK.

1. IM AN HOUR AND A HALF CONVERSATION AT MY HOUSE ON JUNE 16, TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR KATIKAZA (WHO IS FIRST DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS HERE AND REPORTEDLY CLOSE TO BOTH NYERERE AND MACHEL), ASKED ME WHAT WAS THE SCORE WITH REGARD TO U.S. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH MOZAMBIQUE. TURNING THE QUESTION AROUND I TOLD HIM IT SEEMED SURPRISING THAT ALMOST ONE MONTH AFTER INDEPENDENCE AND WITH SCORE OF AMBASSADORS HAVING PRESENTED CREDENTIALS, NEW MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT (GPRM) HAD NOT YET ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH ANY OF THE MAJOR WESTERN POWERS. IF THIS WENT ON MUCH LONGER, PEOPLE MIGHT BEGIN TO WONDER WHETHER MOZAMBIQUE HAD ANY SEMBLANCE OF NON-ALIGNMENT. ALSO OUTLINED NUMEROUS STEPS WHICH USG HAD TAKEN, SINCE LUSAKA ACCORD, TOWARD DIALOGUE WITH FRELIMO AND SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE, INCLUDING OUR SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (I.E., AMBASSADOR CARTER'S MEETING WITH VIEIRA ON MAY 23, OUR ATTEMPTS TO DELIVER SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MESSAGE TO MACHEL TO FRELIMO OFFICIALS IN DAR ES SALAAM AND MY DELIVERY (PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE) OF THE TEXTS OF THE SECRETARY'S LETTER DATED JUNE 14 AND THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER DATED JUNE 25.

2. AMBASSADOR KATIKAZA SAID GPRM HAD NOT GOTTEN ESTABLISHED AND WAS QUITE UNORGANIZED, ESPECIALLY IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE HIMSELF HAD BEEN UNABLE TO CALL ON ANY GOVERNMENT MINISTERS, INCLUDING THE FOREIGN MINISTER, SINCE HE PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS, AND AWAILED HIMSELF OF OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH CHISFANO WHEN THEY RETURNED TOGETHER ON THE PLANE FROM DAR-ES-SALAAM LAST WEEK. ON INABILITY TO SEE MINISTERS, KATIKAZA SAID THAT IRONICALLY PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR HAD COME TO HIM WITH SIMILAR TROUBLES AND ASKED FOR HIS ADVICE.

3. ASKED WHY SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAD NOT YET PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS, AMBASSADOR KATIKAZA TOLD ME WITH SOME AMUSEMENT THAT SOVIETS, WHO HAD HAD A HIGH RANKING DELEGATION IN MOZAMBIQUE OVER INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES, HAD BEEN FIRST ON LIST OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES FOR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS. HOWEVER, WHEN CREDENTIALS CEREMONY TOOK PLACE THE WEEK AFTER INDEPENDENCE, THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE WAS STILL NOT HERE. SOVIETS PROPOSED THAT WHOLE CEREMONY BE POSTPONED, GPRM REFUSED AND CHINESE BECAME FIRST SOCIALIST COUNTRY TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS.

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4. I ASKED AMBASSADOR KATIKAZA FOR HIS ADVICE AND COUNSEL ON OUR POSTURE VIS-A-VIS U.S. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, SINCE WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR SOME TIME FOR SIGNAL FROM FRELIMO LEADERS.

AFTER I EXPLAINED THAT I HAD ON HAND THE SIGNED ORIGINAL LETTER FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER TO MACHEL AND EXPECTED THE SIGNED ORIGINAL OF PRESIDENT'S LETTER SHORTLY, HE SUGGESTED I SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER OF STATE OSCAR MONTEIRO TO DELIVER PRESIDENT'S LETTER. KATIKAZA SAID THAT MONTEIRO WAS LESS BUSY THAN OTHER MINISTERS (PARTICULARLY CHISSANO) AND THAT PRESIDENCY WAS RELATIVELY BETTER ORGANIZEE AND WAS HANDLING SOME OF FOREIGN RELATIONS MATTERS DIRECTLY. HE REITERATED THAT, AS YET, THERE SIMPLY WAS NO FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT WE DELIVER THE ORIGINAL OF THE SECRETARY'S LETTER TO CHISSANO'S OFFICE AS QUICKLY WS POSSIBLE.

5. COMMENT: KATIKAZA SEEMED TO BE IN THE KNOW AND SINCERELY HELPFUL, AND IN HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH GPRM LEADERS MAY RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT NON-ALIGNMENT. ON BASIS HIS ADVICE, CONSUL REED TODAY WENT TO TEMPORARY FONMIN HEADQUARTERS AND, AFTER WITNESSING CHISSANO'S AIDES STRUGGLING WITH BILL COLLECTORS, MASONS, PAPNTERS, AND DISSATISFIED LANDOWNERS, DELIVERED ORIGINAL OF SECRETARY'S LETTER TO CHISSANO'S CHIEF OF CABINET. NEXT WEEK, WHEN WE HAVE ORIGINAL OF PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER, I WILL REQUEST APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER OF STATE MONTEIRO OR RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL IN PRESIDENCY TO DELIVER IT. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF GPRM ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS MENTIONED ABOVE AND PREOCCUPATION WITH FORTHCOMING OAU MEETINR, I DOUBT THAT WE CAN EXPECT ANY REPLY OR REACTION BEFORE EARLY NEXT MONTH.
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